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**VICENZA**  
Military Community

11 January 2013, 1000 – 1130 hours, THE ARENA, Caserma Ederle



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# Agenda

- ❖ **Introduction/Master of Ceremony – Public Affairs Office**
- ❖ **Hot Topic(s)**
- ❖ **Recognitions**
- ❖ **Community Updates**
- ❖ **Open Forum**
- ❖ **POC: Marilee Mastaler, DFMWR, DSN 634-6535,  
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- ❖ **Next Info X 13 February 2013, 1000 – 1130 hours,  
The Arena, Caserma Ederle**



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# Hot Topics

**Personal Responsibility**  
**Army Family Action Plan**  
**Community Initiatives**  
**Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)**  
**CDC Hourly Care**



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# **Personal Responsibility**

**COL Buckingham  
Garrison Commander**



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- Fact #1: Neither the garrison, nor your unit, nor our teachers, nor our MPs are responsible for your conduct. You are. (And your kids, too.)
  
- Recommendation #1: Be careful when and how you intervene – you should usually leave that to established authorities.
  
- Judgment vs Policies
  
- Some Examples:
  - Buffoons in the Library
  - Dependent no-shows in the Dental Clinic
  - Shoplifters in the PX
  - Cheaters in the Edelweis
  
- ERD's are less expensive than the cost of a miserable community.



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# **Army Family Action Plan**

**Ms. Julia Sibillia**

**AFAP Conference Coordinator**



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### IMCOM-E AFAP Conference Issues:

Issue: Alternate Contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan\*

Issue: Lack of Visibility for Spousal Employment

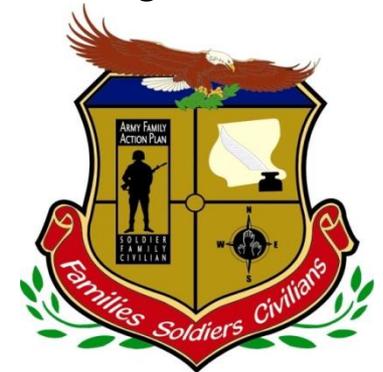
### Local Issues:

Issue: Communication of Support Services Available at Camp Darby\*

Issue: Italian Soggiorno Expiration Date

Issue: More Variety in Sports Equipment for the Vicenza Post Exchange\*

Issue: Benefits for Students who Frequent the Vicenza Post Exchange Food Court



\* Top Three Issues Voted by Delegates



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# **Community Initiatives**

**Mr. Dan Brush**  
**Director, Emergency Services**



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### ***THE PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE IS DEDICATING IT'S COMMUNITY POLICING FOCUS ON THE CHILDREN OF THE VICENZA MILITARY COMMUNITY DURING FEBRUARY 2013***

#### What we have done

- Dedicated a military police officer to serve full-time as a School Resource Officer for all three schools
- Sent SSG Jeffery Williams to DARE/SRO School for certification
- Become actively engaged with the Anti-Bullying Task Force
- Have increased walking patrols for greater interaction with the community



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## What we will do

- Better integrate our Military Police patrols into the community
- Continue to build a strong relationship with the schools and the community
- Child Identification Initiative

Your School Resource Officer  
SSG Jeffery Williams

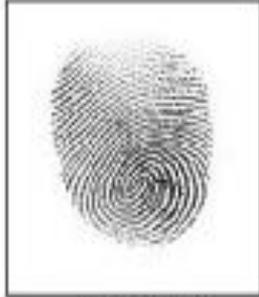
**Johnny R Safetykid**  
1234 Anywhere Lane  
Livonia, MI 48150

DOB: 01/01/2001	Height: 4' 3"
Hair: Auburn	Weight: 65lbs
Eyes: Brown Dark	Glasses: NO
Race: Caucasian	Gender: M

ALLERGIC TO BEES  
*Stings on right arm and left neck, on right thigh*

Guardian: *Bill and Sally Safetykid*  
PH#1 (123)12301234 PH#2 (234)231-2336 PH#3: (232)333-4444

Right Thumbprint



*In the event that your  
Loved one is missing or lost:  
CALL 911*

*Provided By:*

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# **Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)**

**Ms. Tamela Faulkner  
Vicenza, COLA Coordinator**



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# How is COLA calculated?

- Service Member or Spouse completes the Living Pattern Survey (LPS), telling us where you shop
- COLA Coordinator conducts the Retail Price Survey (RPS) collecting prices for those locations
- Difference between the RPS pricing overseas and CONUS goods results in a COLA index



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# What is important to you...

- Lack of participation in the LPS resulted in 4% decrease (roughly \$120/mo for an E6) for Vicenza in 2012
- Survey runs 1-31 January
- Spouses can take the survey on behalf of the Service Member
- To take the survey:  
<https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/lps-italy.cfm> or  
check the USAG Vicenza webpage



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# **CDC Hourly Care**

**Mr. Chris Bradford**  
**Director, FMWR**



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# PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT TO CDC HOURLY CARE

We conducted a general survey on hourly care. Based off of the feedback, CYSS is planning to make an adjustment to accommodate more families that utilize hourly care at the CDC. Our proposed fix is to adjust the hours of care from 24 to 16 hours per week. This change will ensure more families have the opportunity to reserve care

This change is planned to be implemented on February 1<sup>st</sup>

Families that have used 16 hours for the week, but still need hourly care, can still call CDC 398 on the day the care is actually needed to see if space is available

We want the community's input on this proposed specific change and will be accepting input and comments in the upcoming weeks. Use the survey monkey survey on Facebook beginning 16 January to tell us what you think about this proposal to better serve a larger segment of our community.



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# RECOGNITIONS



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# Adult Volunteer of the Month

## Beth Carder

As the longest serving member on the Pack Committee, Beth is the foundation on which the committee has been built. As the Pack Fund Raising Chairperson, she has proactively planned the entire year's worth of events to raise funds for supporting the Pack. She ensures that all paperwork is submitted well in advance of fund raising events and completes timely after action reports, keeping the Pack in line with organizational requirements. She is a valuable asset not only to the boys of Cub Scout Pack 295 but also contributes many hours to the Girls Scouts of the community as well.



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# Youth Volunteer of the Month

## Tara Clinton

For the past four years, Tara has been active at Soldiers' Theatre as a performer in the annual holiday shows. She has shown her dedication in her attendance at rehearsals and performances while setting a positive example to other cast members and crew through her maturity and positive attitude. She has been truly devoted to both Soldiers' Theatre and the latest production of "That Holiday Feeling." She is quick to learn, willing to assist, eager to help fellow cast members and always punctual and a valuable part of the team. She's been a great asset to this production and to the community entertainment program.



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# Community News – Service Providers

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- ❖ DFMWR
- ❖ DPW
- ❖ DHR
- ❖ DOL
- ❖ DPTMS
- ❖ AAFES
- ❖ DoDEA
- ❖ Religious Support Office
- ❖ Installation Safety Office
- ❖ EEO
- ❖ 509<sup>th</sup> SIG BN
- ❖ HRO
- ❖ AFN
- ❖ Health Center
- ❖ Dental Clinic
- ❖ Italy Finance Office
- ❖ Installation Legal Office
- ❖ American Red Cross
- ❖ Health Promotion
- ❖ DECA
- ❖ USO
- ❖ PAO
- ❖ IG



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# **Open Forum**



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# **InfoX Schedule**

**Wednesday, 13 February 2013**

**Wednesday, 06 March 2013**

**Wednesday, 03 April 2013**